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Proposed Modifications to NOM-008-FITO-1995 on U.S. Imported Apricots 2000

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Report Highlights:

On July 27, 2000, Mexico's Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Development (SAGAR) published in the "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) proposed modifications to NOM-008-FITO-1995, which will change the requirements for apricots imported from the United States. More specifically, the proposed modifications differentiate specifications to import apricots from the state of California from those from the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

Introduction: This report summarizes a proposed modification published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on July 27, 2000.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: Mexico's Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Development (SAGAR) announced in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on July 27, 2000, a proposed modification to NOM-008-FITO that establishes the requirements to import fresh fruit and vegetables. The announcement is modifying point 4.3 of the NOM and the requirement F077 related to imported apricots from the United States. The Mexican government accepts comments in Spanish from interested parties for 60 calendar days.

Background: The table below summarizes the prior actions related to this NOM.

Date	Action	FAS Rpt#
10/6/1994	Published Emergency NOM	n/a
04/05/95	Continuation and Modification of the Emergency NOM	n/a
08/14/95	Published Proposal of the Official NOM	n/a
04/25/96	Published answers to comments on the proposed NOM (NOTE: No comments from U.S. interests.)	n/a
07/08/96	Published Final Official NOM	MX6093

Title: Proposed Modifications to the Mexican Official Norm NOM-008-FITO-1995, that establishes the requirements and specifications to import fresh fruit and vegetables.

Type of Regulation: Proposed modification to a mandatory NOM.

Important Dates

1. Publication Date: July 27, 2000

2. Start of Public Comment Period: July 28, 2000 *All comments **must** be submitted in Spanish*

3. End of Public Comment Period: September 25, 2000

Products Affected: U.S. Apricots

Agency in Charge: Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Development

Additional Important Information:

The announcement specifies the requirements to import apricots from the state California and from the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho as follows:

- For the state of California a verification at origin is required and the fulfillment of the specifications of the USDA/SAGAR working plan. The international phytosanitary Certificate must be issued at the shipping point and must state *"that the apricots in this shipment were produced and certified according to the Work Plan."*

- For the states of Washington/Oregon/Idaho, no verification at origin is required, only the fulfillment of the specifications of the USDA/SAGAR working plan. The international phytosanitary Certificate must be issued at the shipping point and must state *"that the apricots in this shipment were produced and certified according to the Work Plan."*

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